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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-31 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-31 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendments filed on 9/15/2003.
2. Claims 1-17, and 19-31 (including new claims 21-31) are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. 5,948,040).

Re claims 1, 13, 22: DeLorme et al. discloses travel reservation information and planning system, which includes a processor unit 105 (see fig.# 1A of DeLorme; col.13, lines 37+), at least one user input device 111 communicatively coupled to the processor unit 105 to receive traveler information input by a traveler/user 100 (col.13, lines 35-45); a display device 115 communicatively coupled to the processor 105 (col.14, lines 60+); software code [or TRIPS] executable by at least one processor unit 105 as input traveler information that includes contact information (col.16, lines 1+) for a traveler and further executable to encode at least a portion of the traveler information into a machine-readable format (col.11, lines 61+; col.15, lines 60+); and a printer 121 communicatively coupled to the processor unit 105 to print the encoded portion of the traveler information on a tag in a machine-readable format (as shown in fig. #1A of DeLorme; col.14, lines 61+), means for outputting or printing at least the encoded information to

a tag [“identity tag” as shown in fig. # 3 of DeLorme] in a machine-readable [bar code] format, wherein the at least a portion of the user information encoded into the machine-readable format includes the contact information (col.11, lines 50-67), and wherein the tag is configured to be coupled to the user item (col.10, lines 1-9)

Re claims 2, 14, and 24: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the contact information includes temporary contact information (col.12, lines 1-15).

Re claims 3, 15: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein the temporary contact information [such phone number, address, credit card number and the like] includes information specifying the time period during which such temporary contact information is valid for contacting the traveler 100 (col.8, lines 49-67; col.46, lines 1-67).

Re claims 4, 9, 16 and 29: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the at least a portion of the traveler information encoded into the machine-readable format [preferably bar code format] includes the temporary contact information (col.9, lines 55-1, col.11, lines 63-67; col. 12, lines 1+; col.15, lines 62-67).

Re claim 5: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein said contact information includes mobile contact [cellular or pager or mobile PDA 907, wherein the user can be contacted by TRIPS center 904] information (as shown in fig. # 9B; col.71, lines 61-67; col.72, lines 1+).

Re claims 6 and 28: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the mobile contact information includes information selected from the group consisting of a cellular telephone number and a pager number [a smart card 907] (col.75, lines 40+).

Re claims 7 and 26: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein the contact information includes at least one selected from the group consisting of: home telephone number

and/or address [temporal residence or hotel], work telephone number, cellular telephone number, pager number, and electronic mail address (col.16, lines 32-59; col.61, lines 58-64).

Re claim 8: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the traveler information further includes a travel itinerary for the traveler and wherein the travel itinerary/routes is printed on the tag [identity tags] (see fig. # 3 of DeLorme; col.32, lines 1-67; col.33, lines 1-52).

Re claims 10, 27, and 30: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the at least a portion of the traveler information encoded into the machine-readable format includes the contact information (col.15, lines 62-67; col.16, lines 1+).

Re claims 11 and 31: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein the software/TRIPS is further executable to encrypt at least a portion of the traveler information (col.21, lines 31-37).

Re claim 12: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the at least one processor unit 105, the at least one user input device, the display device, the printer are included within a kiosk (col.14, lines 53-67).

Re claim 17: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein the user information further includes a travel itinerary for the user 100 (col.15, lines 33-67; col.18, lines 1-39).

Re claim 19: DeLorme teaches a system and method, which include means of presenting on a display a user interface to a user traveler that prompts the user traveler to input user traveler information including contact information for the user traveler (see fig. 1A of DeLorme), receiving input from the user traveler 100 specifying the user traveler information including contact information for the user traveler (col.13, lines 35-67; col.14, lines 53+; col.15, lines 33+), encoding at least the contact information of the received user traveler information into a

machine-readable format, and outputting at least the encoded contact information to a tag in the machine-readable format (see fig. # 3 of DeLorme; col.32, lines 1-67; col.33, lines 1-52).

Re claims 20 and 25: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein the contact information includes temporary contact information, and wherein the temporary contact information includes information specifying the time period during which such temporary contact information is valid for contacting the user traveler (col.53, lines 45-67).

Re claim 21: DeLorme discloses a system and method, wherein after the step of outputting at least the encoded contact information to the tag is completed, the method includes attaching the tag [as shown in fig. # 3 of DeLorme] to the traveler's baggage before the baggage is relinquished to baggage handling personnel (col.65, lines 33-67; col.66, lines 1+).

Re claim 23: DeLorme teaches a system and method, wherein said baggage tag comprises the traveler information which was input by said traveler (as shown in fig. #1A of DeLorme; col.14, lines 61+).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tagawa (U.S. 5,732,398) discloses self-service system for selling travel-related services or products.

Barlow et al. (U.S. 6,038,551) teaches system and method for configuring and managing resources on a multi-purpose integrated circuit card using personal computer.

Hohle et al. (U.S. 6,101,477) discloses methods and apparatus for a travel-related multi-function smart card.

Chen et al. (U.S. 6,195,694) teaches server for reconfiguring control of a subset of devices on one or more kiosks.

Gershman et al. (U.S. 6,401,085) discloses mobile communication and computing system and method.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (703) 305-5437. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.



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